

Speaking of Back Trouble



This Week's Motto:
If you haven't seen a look of disgust on your child, just tell him how well you used to behave.

Setting the Pattern

Members of the city council will be called on next Tuesday evening to decide on a zoning issue which can be considered a landmark—it will set the pattern for a large section of the city for all time.

As in many of the city's previous zoning considerations, the one now before the council has two sides, and both have been expressed with vigor.

On the one hand, there are those who feel that retention of the land west of Crenshaw Blvd. and south of 230th St. as industrial property would offer the greatest benefit to the city now and in years to come.

Holding the opposite view are many others who believe the ultimate benefit to the city lies in permitting residential development on the site now under consideration, and providing for high rise residential development in the area near the huge—and growing—Del Amo Shopping Center.

While admitting that both points of view have merit, the HERALD is convinced the latter holds more merit for the citizens of Torrance in years to come.

Not too many years ago, with acres of available property in the city for either residential or industrial development, the decision to leave the property for industrial development would have been easy.

The coming of the huge shopping center scarcely a mile away, the rapidly changing face of Sepulveda Blvd. to the north and Hawthorne Ave. to the west, and the encroachment of fine residential developments in the area, however, have altered the situation greatly.

As it now stands, the land is of little value to the city. The taxes received by the city—and the school district—are negligible, and there has been little indication that industrial developers are standing in line to improve the property.

Many figures can be cited (and will be) to show the city's ultimate benefit lies with keeping the land for industry; and just as many figures, all equally valid, can be cited for the opposite position.

The ultimate benefit of the residents of Torrance—which must be the key to any decision—lies with establishing an adequate balance of retail, residential, and industrial development.

Making the property in question available for residences will go a long way toward moving the residential and retail balance in line.

Industrial expansion to the city—at the same time—is still desirable and is possible through use of yet undeveloped land, and through greater density on lands now being used for industry.

When these elements of the city are in balance, Torrance can rightfully display the title bestowed on it recently by Mayor Albert Isen:

"The Capital City of the Southwest."

Growthsmanship Can't Provide Nation's Jobs

By James Dorais

One of the important controversies of last year's Presidential campaign concerned the matter of the nation's economic growth—and what constitutes solid growth as opposed to "growthsmanship."

To date, the only accomplishment of the new Administration related to this field has been passage of the Depressed Area bill—an accomplishment in the opposite direction, for that legislation can neither be labeled growth nor growthsmanship. It is a program, instead, that promotes economic stagnation.

And for a state of fast growing population like California, which must have matching economic growth to survive and prosper, it is an economic stab in the back, for under the Depressed Area program Californians will be taxed to subsidize competition from the older industrial centers of the East and Midwest.

Of the importance of proper government in action in promoting sound economic growth, however, there can be little question.

In a recent address before the Economic Club of Detroit, American Telephone and Telegraph Co. president Frederick R. Kappel noted that "measures to broaden the tax base, increase incentives, and encourage business to invest more rapidly in more efficient plant, would have a wonderful effect on growth and increase government revenues in the process."

And he added: "I wish the country would stop talking about this and get to doing something. But I don't believe there is any magic giant step."

By magic steps, Kappel was referring inferentially to the "growthsmanship" gambit that an arbitrary annual growth goal of five or six per cent can be established and held to as national policy.

"This turns out," he stated, "to be nothing but a new recipe for government spending, either with or without taxes to pay for it. Without the taxes we would certainly get inflation . . . as for getting the amount of taxes that would pay for enough government spending to beef up growth to five or six per cent a year—this is day-dreaming."

Bell Telephone Companies, Kappel points out, have 50 per cent more employees today than at the end of the war. "But each job today has behind it some \$841,000 of investment—nearly three times as much as 15 years ago.

This investment is represented by increasing efficient tools and systems, and so we can give much more service, and of better quality, at prices that attract more customers. This to my mind is the essence of growth."

Reasonable profits to create and attract the investment capital to make jobs possible—and a favorable business climate that encourages continuing decisions by investors to sustain job-creating policies by industry—these are the prerequisites of true economic growth as opposed to the ledgerdom of growthsmanship.

Too often, travel — instead

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

This I Believe

- A newspaper is the voice of the people, or paper for pantry shelves . . . the choice is up to the editor.
 - One of the best things that could happen to us would be to return to the good old days when the man in the street could understand Washington and world affairs.
 - Motors which knock constantly are not in the best condition . . . and the same can be said of people.
 - As far as the tax collector is concerned, there is no forgotten man.
 - Difference of opinion makes horse races and stock trading. It also makes life more interesting . . . arouses people to act . . . puts the spotlight on abuses. As one who has covered the vortex of different opinions and cultures around the world for a good long time, I am glad to go on record as favoring as many people as possible trying to convince me of their side. This is both stimulating and fun. Wherever, whenever an individual—or group—holds to one opinion on any subject, there is another individual or group holding just the opposite. People are never unanimous on anything.
 - The greatest distance we still have to cover is not in discovering the moon . . . but in discovering ourselves.
 - No pill has yet been discovered that can pep a fellow up as well as a nice sunny day.
 - Hope is a very fleeting diet . . . but nothing in the world can top it.
 - A mob of any kind is degeneration of humanity . . . it's humanity going in the wrong direction.
 - This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it remains the home of the brave.
 - Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind.
 - Sometimes the greatest firmness becomes the greatest mercy.
 - Too often, travel — instead
- of broadening the mind and the experience — merely lengthens the conversation.
- The ideal employer is one who has ideal employees . . . the ideal husband has the ideal wife . . . the ideal happiness has the ideal philosophy.
 - The best way to know God is to appreciate nature and to love as many things as possible.
 - Education should be for the purpose of overcoming cockiness and teaching us how much is yet to be learned.
 - There is nothing more inspiring in the world than a man or woman who really practices tolerance.
 - No man will ever bring out of the presidency the reputation which carried him into it. No man truly deserves the acclaim of his supporters.
 - The difference between a good school and a poor school is often the difference between a parent who cares and one who does not.
 - Good manners, not wealth or beauty, are a person's best adornment.
 - No piece of furniture has the charm and warmth of books . . . even though you may not open them to read a single word.
 - To say that one man or a group of men make history—no matter how important they appear to be — is but the judgment of a committee. No single man ever makes history, for history — like a blade of grass — cannot be seen growing.
 - The mark of an impetuous man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause . . . the mark of an intelligent man is that he wants to live humbly for one.
 - We never pass judgment on anything or anybody without, by the very act in the same instant, defining our own limitations . . . for the act of judging always — sometimes mercilessly — judges first of all ourselves.
 - There is only one way in the world to understand a woman . . . and that is to love her. After that there is no reason to understand her.
 - We both love and hate ourselves in others.
 - If we can only learn how to fear what should be feared . . . and how not to fear that which ought not to be feared.
 - Just when I'm beginning to think I have encountered the major gourmet dishes in the world, I meet a fellow who puts strawberries in his omelet.
 - Push right to the extreme and it becomes wrong . . . press all the juice from an orange and it becomes bitter.
 - A man who creates fear is not free from fear.
 - The world seldom gives anybody a third chance.
 - One thing this country needs is a law against rumor-mongers.
 - To know we are truly loved by one human makes life bearable.
 - Life is like riding a bike . . . when you stop moving forward, you fall.

Little Chats

On Public Notice

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By JAMES E. POLLARD

"Where Are the Books?"

Off one of the well known New England coastal resorts is a fairly large island which has a good sized summer colony. This colony has been in existence for more than 75 years. Many of the descendants of the founders still spend their summers there.

The island is described as the oldest summer settlement in the region. The Maine Guide says it "is like a small city during the summer months; in the winter it is inhabited only by caretakers." The island was visited by an English explorer as early as 1605.

But even such a place has community interests that must be served. To do this there is a corporation with a board of overseers. There is also a town office.

The point of all this was a letter in the region newspaper from a man who threatened legal action against the overseers. It seems that he was unable to see the island records. He complained that as far as he knew, "We are the only town or village in Maine which is run by absent treatments from Boston."

It is a prime rule in American government that public records with certain exceptions are open to the public. In this respect the public record is closely akin to the public notice. Both are intended to keep the public informed about public business. And it is part of the bona fide newspaper's function to publish such notices so that "The public may know," as it has a right.

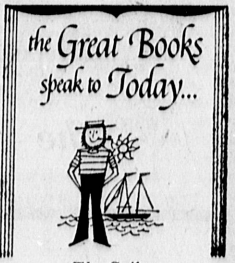
The empire of the sea has always given those who enjoy it a natural pride because, thinking themselves capable of extending their insults wherever they please, they imagine that their power is boundless as the ocean.

—CHAS. DE MONTESQUIEU

The Nantucket, he alone resides and riots on the sea, and from plowing it as his own special plantation. There is his home; there lies his business.

—HERMAN MELVILLE

American novelist
French philosopher



Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

30 Years Ago —

In accordance with the shorter work week law approved by Congress last February, the Torrance postoffice will close all windows at 12 noon on Saturdays commencing June 20, according to an announcement by Postmaster Alfred Goudier.

Dr. George P. Shidler returned yesterday from Berkeley with his sons, John and Frederick, who are attending Stanford university. John Budge, a student friend of the Shidler boys and son of Judge Budge of Boise, Idaho, came with the party and is a guest at the Shidler home on Post Ave.

Cool, breeze-swept Torrance with enticing beaches only six minutes' driving time away, and rents at the lowest in history of the city—these are a few highlights to be advertised during the next six weeks to residents of the "hot belt" in Imperial Valley, San Bernardino and Arizona as the result of a newspaper advertising appropriation made available through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Residents of the desert areas will be told they can rent furnished and unfurnished homes and apartments as low as \$18 per month.

The Torrance school faculty members are going to do their share in showing real California hospitality to the delegates and visitors to the National Education Association convention in Los Angeles June 27-July 3.

On the program will be a scenic drive through Palos Verdes and an outdoor picnic dinner at Royal Palms Grove at White's Point. Principal Herbert S. Wood is general chairman of the hospitality event.

20 Years Ago —

Soft and filtered water from the MWD aqueduct became available here yesterday but Torrance residents won't actually use it until Sunday morning. It will take several days for the hard water scale to be worked out of the mains, water officials said.

With but one more week of school remaining on the 1940-41 calendar, these are thrilling days to the 275 boys and girls of the local school system who will be graduated from elementary, junior-high and high school careers. For the other youngsters the end of next week means promotion with a vacation lasting until September 10 when the 1941-42 semester begins.

Expressing the opinion that "the next few years will offer the opportunity we have all been awaiting to develop this community," Dean L. Sears, president-elect of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said he would "utilize every effort to promote business and increased housing for the city."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By FRED NEHER



ve worked out a budget . . . but one of us has to stop eating"

Gains and Brains

"When a man wantonly destroys one of the works of man, we call him a Vandal. When he wantonly destroys one of the works of God, we call him a Sportsman." This was written by Joseph Wood Krutch, in "The Great Chain of Living," when he referred to destruction of God's wild animals, forests and flowers by careless hunters, picnickers and tourists. Krutch compared them to gangsters, robbers, and so forth.

Law in Action

The Degrees of Murder

The punishment of first degree murder is death or life in prison; for second degree, five years to life; for voluntary manslaughter, one to ten years.

In each case there is killing in purpose, but with a difference.

1. First degree is a killing with malice aforethought—a planned, wanton killing, such as by poison, lying in wait, or torture. Killing during other dangerous crimes such as robbery, burglary, arson, mayhem, or the like is first degree murder.

2. Second degree murder is any other killing with malice aforethought but lacking some element of first degree.

For example, it may be "wilful and deliberate, but not premeditated." The jury may also find that it was not done during an otherwise dangerous crime, but during, say, a fight.

Perhaps the killing may lack cruelty or viciousness, and hence, no "deliberation." In view of the killer's immaturity, intoxication, or state of mind, the jury may find the killing was not wilful.

3. Voluntary manslaughter is not a killing in self-defense which is "justifiable homicide," but a killing one does on purpose but provoked by the victim. Thus no "malice aforethought."

In his defense the accused may show the court that he was provoked enough so that the court might speak of the killing in "a sudden quarrel or heat of passion." Examples: An unprovoked attack by the victim; a quarrel that breaks out into violence.

Yet the jury can find murder if there was malice aforethought, no matter how short the time to make it wilful, deliberate, and premeditated.

The jury may find that the provocation was not enough to justify a reasonable man's action. The accused may be a hot-headed killer, that is a murderer.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	1-Mountain	8-Small bird	15-Hasten	22-White poplar	29-Abstruse	36-French article	43-Fish sauce	50-Parent (colloq.)
2-Performer	9-Recall	16-Hasten	23-Experience	30-Exclamation	37-Swift	44-Period of time	51-Fish	58-Path
3-Prison	10-Savory	17-Isle	31-Southern blackbird	32-Exclamation	38-Burden	45-Fish	52-Color	59-Halfroad (abbr.)
4-Commander	11-Bitter yetch	18-Isle	33-French article	34-Southern blackbird	39-Exclamation	46-Period of time	53-Color	
5-Walk	12-Butter yetch	19-Jab	35-French article	36-French article	40-Exclamation	47-Period of time	54-Color	
6-Ventilate	13-Butter yetch	20-River in Bolivia	37-Swift	38-Burden	41-Exclamation	48-Period of time	55-Color	
7-Solace	14-Butter yetch	21-Genus of maples	39-Exclamation	40-Exclamation	42-Exclamation	49-Period of time		
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